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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Joshi et al.

CASE: 001308

SER. NO.: 09/645,673

FILING DATE: August 24, 2000

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THREE-MONTH
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EXAMINER: Nguyen, D.Q.

Dear Sir:

If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following communication, they may be paid out of our Deposit Account No. 50-0545.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136, Applicant respectfully requests an extension of the period in which to file the response to the Office Action mailed June 19, 2002, regarding the above-identified patent application, for an additional three months, from September 19, 2002, up to and including December 19, 2002.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136, Applicant respectfully submits that a response was originally required to be filed on September 19, 2002, a period of three months from the mailing date of the Office Action; that the above-identified patent application is not involved in an interference proceeding; and that the Applicant herewith encloses the three-month Extension of Time fee of \$460.00

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Applicant accordingly petitions for acceptance of the presently requested three-month extension of time.

Should anything further be required, a telephone call to the undersigned at (312) 226-1818 is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

FACTOR & PARTNERS, LLC

Dated: December 19, 2002



Jacob D. Koering
One of Applicant's Attorneys

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Patent Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on December 19, 2002.

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